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# ST. PAUL'S CARES

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WILKESBORO, NC

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Thursday, March 8:

11:30am Crisis Assistance in Parish House  
12:00noon Al-Anon in library

## NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR



### Sunday, March 11:

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Chapel  
9:30am Adult Forum  
9:30am Coffee Club  
9:30am Sunday School for Children & Youth  
9:45am Adult Choir Practice  
10:15am Nursery opens in the lower level of the Main Sanctuary  
10:30am Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary

### Monday, March 12:

12:00noon ECW meeting in Parish House  
4:30pm Centering Prayer in Parish House  
6:00pm Active Shooter Emergency Preparation In Parish House

### Tuesday, March 13:

9:30am Lenten Practice meeting  
7:00pm Al-Anon in library

### Wednesday, March 14

5:30pm Holy Eucharist in Chapel  
6:00pm Chez Paul  
6:45pm Choir practice  
7:00pm Dick Underwood Book Club in Parish House

### Thursday, March 15:

11:30am Crisis Assistance in Parish House

**WEDNESDAY**  
*Night*  
**LENTEN MEALS**

Please join us for weekly Wednesday evening meals throughout Lent....

March 7th: spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and homemade desserts. Donations support ECW outreach ministries

March 14th: Mexican food bar  
Donations support Crisis Assistance ministry.

March 21st: chili and sides.  
Donations support Crisis Assistance ministry.



### United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering (UTO), a program sponsored by Episcopal Church Women (ECW), will have the "little blue boxes" and envelopes available in the Commons on March 11th to collect coins of gratitude to God every time you receive a blessing. Thanking God for our lives, our families, our church, these beautiful mountains, all are examples of blessings we may recognize with coins dropped into our blue boxes. UTO donations collected from parishes worldwide are used to fund projects suggested by church grant applications. UTO boxes and envelopes will be gathered on **Sunday, March 18th**. Please be generous with your UTO thanksgiving checks, or place your blue boxes in the collection plates that day.

### Wilkes Community Sunrise Service



**When:** 6:45am on April 1st, Easter morning

**Where:** 100 E. Main Street, Wilkesboro (the new plaza and big stage next to the museum)

This year we will be joining Wilkesboro United Methodist Church and other churches from around Wilkes for an Easter Sunrise Service. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather as one body on the Principal Feast of the Christian year to celebrate our Risen Lord. Join us for this ecumenical event!

This will be in place of the early Sunday morning Easter Vigil.

### Easter Lilies

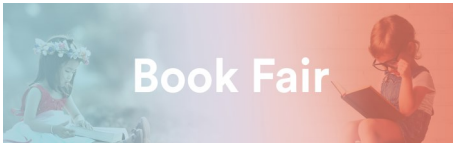
It's time to look in the Sunday bulletins for the inserts to use to sign up to give Easter lilies in honor of someone or in memory of someone. These help to fund the purchase of flowers to decorate the church throughout the upcoming year. The cost is \$17.00 for flowers. You can leave the donation in the collection plate with your information or drop it by the church office. You may also mail a check to the office at PO Box 95, Wilkesboro, NC 28697 with your request(s). Please write the check out to St. Paul's and put the person's name that you wish to honor or memorialize in the memo line. Names of the people being honored or memorialized will be published in the Easter bulletin.



### Outreach Food Collection:

For March, our collection is Hamburger Helper. At the end of the month this collection will be taken to Samaritan's Kitchen. A box will be placed in the Commons for all donations.

The Outreach Committee appreciates your support in our efforts!



## Book Fair

Stop by the display table in the Parish House from February 12th to March 12th to shop faith-filled books at a special discount. Your purchase will help earn money for our children and youth Sunday School classes and make great Easter gifts.

There are a few books on display in the parish house beside the woman's restroom. You can pick up an order form and return orders to the envelopes on the bulletin board. Payments will be collected in March.

Contact Rachel with questions by email at [stpaulscyf@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulscyf@gmail.com) or by phone at 336-990-0291.

Thank you for supporting our Spring Book Fair.

### NEXT WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

#### BIRTHDAYS

12-Misty Hartzog

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00am – 5:00pm.

In case of emergency during off-hours, please call the Rector at 336-223-5762.  
(texts are not reliably checked during off hours)

12-Wynn Southwell  
13-Bob Arthur  
14-Joe Fesperman

#### ANNIVERSARIES

None this week.

#### PRAYER LIST

##### *Please remember in your prayers*

All those who are ill or unemployed.  
All those who are on our prayer list.

#### ILLNESS

Rik Absher, Carol Ambrose, Jim Andrews, Bob Arthur, Joe Barber, Ken Canter, Hayden Cleary, Rancene Cook, Ann Davis, Terry Duncan, David Eller, Ernestine Freas, Gail Gattis, Mike Graf, Edward C. Griffith III, Janet Hartzog, Gerald Hendley, Larry Hendley, Bentley Holbrook, Margo Hurd, John Jacobson, Ben Johnson, Joan Knox, Jane Lowe, Maggie McCann, Ann McNeill, Donna Moore, Bertie Pardue, Jeffrey Parisi,

Curtis Parker, Sue Perkins, Bob Skees, Ester Small, Duane Smith, Gaynell Stone, Marie Waddell, Jerry Waddell, and Cole Younger.

#### ARMED FORCES

Let us pray for the safety of **all our troops**, especially Rob Beauchaine, Alex Cline, Philip Cooney, Karl Duerk, Mike Earley, William Grant, Edward C. Griffith IV, Jacob B. Hall, Jonathan Johnson, Brandon Moore, Russ Necessary, Charlie & Lauren Pendry, Adam Pinkerton, Philip Southwell, Mark Stone, Nathan Wyatt, and all others who serve in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.

*Please send to the church office the addresses of troops with connections to [office@stpaulwilkesboro.org](mailto:office@stpaulwilkesboro.org), especially those abroad.*

### SUNDAY'S READINGS: THE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018

#### Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

#### Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

#### Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

**John 3:14-21**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

<b>Sunday Servants</b>	<b>March 11</b>
Chalice Bearer/Lector 8:30am	Laurie Love
Usher 8:30am	Bob Will
Chalice Bearer	Douglas Morris Kent Wansley
Lector	Denise Sturdivant
Prayers of the People	Cynthia Palazzolo
Oblation Bearers	James Cook Beverly Cook
Acolyte Leader	Jackson
Acolytes	Crucifer 1-Hannah Hartzog Torch-Denise Sturdivant Torch-Benjamin Searcy Gospel Book-Luke Sturdivant Server-Luke Sturdivant
Greeters	Joe Manolovich Colleen Manolovich
Communion Bread	Linda Wansley
Ushers	Sandra Elledge, Chief Monty Shaw Jim Lyall Bryan Hartzog
Altar Guild	Reba Whittington, cpt. Kendall Forester Jane Will Franz Yale
Nursery Volunteer	Mark Williams Ryan Minick
Feed My Sheep Shepherd	Margo Hurd